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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Matthew Haney

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Robertson (US 2002/0140698).

As for claims 1, 7, 13, and 17, Robertson teaches of positioning at least one sensory device in a scene of a 3D model (Paragraph [0037]); rendering dynamically said sensor within a scene of said 3D site model in accordance with sensor parameters associated with said at least one sensory device (Paragraph [0036 and 0037]).

As for claims 2, 3, 8, and 18, Robertson teaches of said rendering step renders an area covered by said sensor in accordance with said sensor parameters; at least one of a 3D image, sensory parameters, and a view point for viewing said at least one sensory device (Note: the viewpoint is seen through the camera or virtual body and the camera parameters can be controlled through a pop-up menu or through the use of a keyboard, Paragraph [0035 and 0036]).

As for claim 4, Robertson teaches of at least one sensory device comprises at least one of a camera, a motion sensor, an ultrasonic sensor, and an infrared sensor

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(Note: Figure 2 shows the use of a camera, however, other "virtual bodies" can be used, Paragraph [0037]).

As for claims 5, 11, and 15, Robertson teaches of said positioning occurs automatically in accordance with at least one of a minimization of an occluded area, a maximization of a coverage area, and said sensory parameters (Note: when an object is selecting for orbiting the object is brought to the forefront of the viewpoint and centered and the sensor parameters can be adjusted in relation to the object alone, Paragraph [0042]).

As for claims 6, 12, 16, and 19, Robertson teaches of determining whether an occlusion exists within an area covered by said at least one sensory device (Note: in order to remove occlusions the invention must obviously be able to determine they exist, Paragraph [0011]).

As for claims 9 and 14, Robertson teaches of selecting a viewpoint for viewing said scene (Paragraph [0035 - 0037]).

As for claim 10, Robertson teaches of providing a graphical user interface for each of said selecting steps (Paragraph [0036], Lines 7-12).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew Haney whose telephone number is 703-305-4915. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (7-4:30), Every Other Friday Off.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on 703-305-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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